



GARY  
COMMUNITY  
INVESTMENTS



## 10-19 YEAR OUTCOMES

- Increase the number of low-income youth who graduate high school post-secondary ready.
- Increase the number of low-income youth prepared for a job or career.
- Improve physical, mental, and oral health outcomes for low-income children and youth.
- Increase the number of low-income children and youth living in safe, stable and supportive families and communities.

## YOUTH SUCCESS

Low-income children graduate high school job or career ready, and are prepared to become successful members of their communities.

### Rationale

After children enter the public school system, they still need the continued support and nurturing of their families and communities to achieve success. Parent and caregiver engagement, school-community partnerships and strong systems that support healthy development continue to be vital components for youth success.

Graduation from high school offers a lifetime of greater economic opportunities, higher employment rates, and consistently higher incomes on average. Along with quality academic support and equity in the education system, an emphasis on the whole child is important for high school completion and post-secondary and career readiness. In addition, child and youth social, emotional and physical wellness, as well as the development of 21st century skills, are essential factors for life success.

### Strategies

Our strategies for improving youth success emphasize the sustainability of systems to support children and youth and encourage evidence-informed efforts for greater academic success and 21st century skill development. Additional strategies focus on the whole child, ensuring children and youth have access to and utilize a medical home for comprehensive care, timely and relevant social and emotional

support, access to healthy foods and communities that encourage healthy choices.

We recognize that partnerships and collaboration between program providers, schools, and community are often necessary in order to gain the greatest success. For example, more young people of all ages need access to targeted and engaging after-school learning opportunities to succeed.